ones received the gifts amid the applause of their companions. All the boys looked healthy, and we understand that the Institution is in a flourishing condition under the able management of Mr. Abner Hart.

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ENCOURAGING FEATURES.

The Superintendent is very thankful for kindly enquiries after the boys, made from time to time, and for good wishes expressed by many friends of the Institution. A letter from W. G. Pender, Esq., who is prominently identified with the St. Andrew's Church, of this city, whose Sabbath School supports a boy at the School, expresses complete satisfaction with the improvement and condition of the lad whose well-being has been greatly promoted. Another gentleman who has one of the boys reposes the greatest confidence in him, and has the utmost satisfaction in entrusting him with important business concerns. Just now at the Institution a gracious spiritual influence is being realized, and hopeful indications of the presence and operation of the Lord the Spirit, encourage the committee in the work in which they are engaged.

FINANCIAL.

The financial depression which prevails is unhappily felt to a large extent in the ordinary contributions, whilst the death and removal of several of the supporters of this Institution have rendered the greatest care necessary in the disbursement of funds. Extra expenditure has been required to keep in repair the building and the munificence of "the now departed ones" has served us well in this emergency. As will be seen by the financial statement, legacies from the late N. L. West, \$800, W. L. Black, \$250, and C. Roche, \$190, have been expended in painting our buildings, putting them in excellent repair, and freeing ourselves from the debts of former years. The debt incurred on the operations of 1878, as per statement of the Treasurer's account, is \$88.25.

CONCLUSION.

The committee very urgently invite all interested in the reclamation of the youth from the ways of sin to visit the School at any time convenient for them. On Sabbath after-